

the final curtain falls, and this great bevy of "merry-merry" maidens becomes a collection of hardworking young woman with high stage ambi-

tions who look upon their work with the same seriousness as do their sisters in the more conventional walks of life.

## "LOVE WAS A TOY TO HER," SAYS HUSBAND OF WOMAN WHO LEFT HIM FOR ANOTHER MAN

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Are all women as queer as the one he married?

Joseph J. MacDonald would like to know.

MacDonald has just divorced a wife who while living in apparent happiness with the man for whom she left him spent much of her time writing letters to him—letters that breathed both that maternal and wifely love that most women give to their husbands.

"It is a mystery too deep for me to unravel and I am glad I have put it out of my life," he said today. "When my wife left me for a vacation I fully expected her to return."

"I had never met the man, Clarence

Vermilea, with whom she eloped and I did not dream that any man had taken her love away from me. Her letters only show that she soon found out she had made a mistake."

It's a queer little commonplace tragedy that unfolded itself from those letters during the divorce proceedings. Some of them might have been from a loving wife away on a visit and expecting to return very soon to an eagerly awaiting husband. She speaks of the man she lives with to the husband she deserted in the most casual manner telling him how good he is to her and in the next sentence says she will never be happy again. She regulates his daily life in a way that shows that she still looks upon herself as his wife although she is living with another man.

"Why do you suppose she wrote those letters to you?" I asked.

"Because she is a creature of moods," he answered. "I believe she meant them when she wrote them. She was a woman of two distinct natures evenly balanced and she played with both these natures as a child does with toy balloons, letting one rise above the other and then holding it down while the other ascended."

"Aren't we all more or less of the Jekyll and Hyde type?" I asked.

"Yes," he answered, "but most of us become one or the other in time. You remember that Hyde at last made it impossible for Jekyll to return."

"One should take a long look ahead," said MacDonald (who is a handsome young chap whom most women would think twice about before deserting), "but did you ever know of either man or woman tak-

### SAYINGS OF A WISE PUP

"KI-YI!" A MAN NEVER GETS TOO OLD BUT WHAT HE THINKS HIS PERSONALITY IS IRRESISTIBLE.



Kaiser Wilhelm once confessed that he owned 18,000 neckties.